

Weekend Of Racing Set For South Alabama Motor Speedway

A weekend of racing is scheduled June 8th and 9th at South Alabama Motor Speedway with over \$50,000 posted in prize money. With over 70 cars and trucks already registered, this race will be the highlight of the 1984 season and will include a 100 lap for racing pickup trucks on Friday, June 8, the first of this kind in this area. This night will also feature heat races for the Grand

American type race cars. Qualifying begins at 6:30, with races scheduled for 8:30.

Saturday, June 9th, will feature a 35 lap Limited Late Model race for the local and tri-state cars with such racing greats as John Hunt, Wayne Newton, LaDon Smith, Chan Elliott, Nix Bruce and Harold and Terry Spicer just to name a few; PLUS a

200 lap feature for the professional Grand American race cars with such Super Stars as Butch Lindley, Billy McGinnis, Rat Lane, Freddie Fryar, Gary Balough and many more! Grand National stars Jody Ridley and Donnie Allison will also be on hand to battle it out in this "South-east Racing Products 200."

Advanced tickets may be

purchased at a reduced price for both nights from the Opp Chamber of Commerce, Motor Auto Parts in Enterprise; Coca-Cola Bottling Co. in Andalusia; Creamer's Auto Electric in Dothan, or by calling (205) 794-0502.

South Alabama Motor Speedway is located on Highway 52 between Opp and Kinston, Alabama.

Unemployment Rate Down In Coffee County

The Alabama State Employment Service has released its preliminary

Unemployment Data Report for March, 1984, and the report revealed

the unemployment rate in Coffee County had declined to 9.8 percent.

The rate, which means 1,950 residents were unemployed in March in the county, is down from 10.5 percent in February and 13.3 percent in March, 1983.

Unemployment Data Report

County	Civilian Labor Force	Unemployment	Mar. 1984	Feb. 1984	Mar. 1983
Bullock	4,230	540	12.8	14.1	18.8
Butler	9,790	1,480	15.1	15.5	22.2
Coffee	20,020	1,950	9.8	10.5	13.3
Conecuh	7,130	890	12.5	14.1	14.4
Covington	16,370	1,900	11.6	13.4	13.5
Crenshaw	6,910	870	12.6	11.9	13.2
Dale	12,980	1,770	13.6	13.3	15.5
Geneva	11,420	1,010	8.9	9.4	12.4
Houston	40,050	3,530	8.8	9.4	12.1
Lowndes	5,150	890	17.3	18.3	20.5
Montgomery	93,360	8,860	9.5	10.6	11.8
Pike	13,600	1,640	12.0	11.8	15.2
Alabama	1,764,400	215,600	12.2	13.0	15.7

Don't Lose Touch

During The Summer

You won't lose touch or lose time during the summer months when you take advantage of two conveniences offered by the Postal Service to people on the go, Postmaster Bullard of Elba said recently.

"Last year the Postal Service forwarded 45 million pieces of mail," Postmaster Bullard said. "You can avoid paying forwarding charges, and possible delays in getting your mail, by telling everyone your new address a month before you move."

Lee To Seek Representative

Post From District 2

Larry Lee, a 41-year-old native of Montgomery, has announced his candidacy for the United States House of Representatives in the Second Congressional District.

"The decision to seek this office comes after having driven 35,000 miles throughout this District in the last 18 months to listen to the thoughts and concerns of its citizens," says Lee. "I've visited in hundreds of homes, on farms, in small businesses, in banks, on construction sites."



Lee says that one of the greatest concerns he has uncovered regards the future of the 13 counties of the Second District. "The people of Southeast Alabama are saying they want a Congressman with a deep knowledge of this District in the past 18 months to listen to the thoughts and concerns of its citizens," says Lee. "I've visited in hundreds of homes, on farms, in small businesses, in banks, on construction sites."

"But to fully develop the potential of the District, we must have a new approach. We must acknowledge that things and times change. Yesterday's inventions are now obsolete; the methods of 20 years ago are no longer modern. We don't farm the way we did 20 years ago; we don't use the computers we had 20 years ago; we don't have the industries we had 20 years ago. And as we approach the 21st century, we must seek leaders who are not hamstrung by too many commitments to special interests, but rather are ready to risk new departures, to define new standards of excellence, and to explore new ways of advancing."

While the Second District contains many industries and enterprises, agriculture stands alone at the top," says Lee, whose parents are from Covington County. "In fact, peanuts alone pump \$600 million a year into the economy of this District, and it's agriculture that primes the economic pump of southeast Alabama."

Lee adds that while the incumbent Congressman has publicized

the fact that he formed an agricultural advisory committee in 1983, he wonders why it took him 19 years to realize that agriculture is the No. 1 industry in his District since he was first elected in 1964. "We must send a Congressman to Washington who has the courage to stand up for agriculture, we must have a Congressman who will work for stability in farm policy; we must have a Congressman who will strive to bring the deficit under control - not vote against control measures" as our Congressman recently did when he voted to keep \$47 billion in tax shelters and loopholes in place, rather than eliminate them."

"We must decide whether we want a proven friend of agriculture battling for us; or do we want to continue with our present representation?"

"I believe the people of the Second District are ready for a Congressman who exhibits a strong desire to see those 13 counties move forward. I believe farmers and agribusinessmen are ready for a Congressman who has an understanding and commitment to their industry."

Free Tax Seminar Set For June 13 At Farm Center

The Coffee County Forestry Advisory Committee will sponsor a free tax seminar for forest landowners on June 13. The seminar will be held in the community room at the Farm Center in New Brockton. Meeting time is set for 7:00 p.m.

The seminar speaker will be Mrs. Jean McDaniel Satellite Franchise Director for H & R Block. The main topic of the meeting will be the handling and transfer of estate property. An actual case history will

be presented with different treatments showing possible savings to the owners. Mr. McDaniel will also field questions in any other forest tax area. Mrs. McDaniel is very knowledgeable in these areas and the information she covers will be of great interest and usefulness to landowners.

For more information contact the Alabama Forestry Commission or the Soil Conservation Service in New Brockton.



GREG HOLLIS caught these 11 bluegill in a private pond. The fish weighed a total of 13 pounds, with the biggest weighing two pounds. (Photo by Stokes Bell & Tackle.)

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Commission To Purchase \$1/2 Million Of Road Machinery

The Coffee County Commission met in regular session on Monday, June 11, at the courthouse in Enterprise, and following a lengthy discussion, instructed the county engineer to draw up specifications on new equipment for the county highway department, estimated to cost in excess of half a million dollars.

The discussion began when Engineer Frank Charlton stated his department needed four motor

graders, two backhoes, two front-end loaders, one paint stripper, one bulldozer and two bush-hogs.

The commissioners all agreed the heavy machinery should be purchased as soon as possible, and upon the recommendation of Charlton agreed to buy only American-made equipment.

County Attorney Warren Rowe warned the commission that the special "American-made" clause could lead to a possible discrimination suit and reminded the group that many American companies owned by investors in other countries. He said he would get an attorney general's opinion on the matter and report back.

The commission proceeded with the discussion and a motion was made to instruct the engineer to draw up specifications and send out bids to be opened on July 5. The need for the commissioners to review the specs was brought up; however,

as the discussion continued the motion was withdrawn.

The commission never came to an agreement on the matter, but did finally tell the engineer to draw up the specifications for review and then, with approval, send out invitations to bid.

The bi-monthly meeting began at 9 a.m. and after routine approval of minutes the commission tackled the agenda.

The subject of state gasoline

prices was brought up for the third straight meeting, and once again the engineer said he had received no information. The commission had hoped to use state-accepted prices in finding a local supplier, but it appears to be an impossible situation.

Installation of street signs in New Brockton was finally voted on, with the commission agreeing to furnish the signs, with the city to erect them and provide maintenance. Speed limit signs are to be placed on county roads inside the city limits.

Revenue Commissioner Ronnie Burns gave his annual report and stated "Errors this year are at an all-time low." He passed out detailed reports to the commission and explained the Revenue Office had overpaid the state \$342. The money will be returned and distributed to county agencies. A total of seven litigations (bankruptcies) was reported, as well as four non-collectible insolventcies.

The commission reviewed the report and approved it with no changes.

The two chief clerks from the probate offices addressed the commission and told of recent legislative that would necessitate added bookwork. According to the clerks, it would take two additional employees and four new typewriters to do the paperwork, at an annual expense of over \$21,000. To use a computer service would cost \$10,000. It was reported, which would be both less expensive and more efficient.

The commission voted to seek bids on a computer service on a 15-month contract. The vote was with Commissioner Marvin Bowden voting no, saying he would

rather see two extra people put to work.

In other action at Monday's meeting, the commission:

- Approved the transfer of \$1,000 in budgeted items to allow the county napper and appraiser to get educational training at various seminars;
- Told the state highway director had instructed counties to apply for additional federal funding for projects in case any funds aren't used;
- Approved a request to allow four county employees from the engineering department to attend a micro-computer seminar at Auburn;
- Was told by the county engineer that logging companies damaging roadways would be billed for repairs;
- Approved a five percent salary increase for the county engineer;
- Vote to get bids on four new trucks for the county highway department;
- Agreed to seek bids on publishing a poll list of qualified voters;
- Approved expansion plans of an Elba industry located on both the Elba and Coffee County property line;
- Agreed to donate historical courtroom items to the County Historical Society (items resurfaced in recent renovation);
- Agreed to replace the parking area around the Elba clubhouse;
- Announced Enterprise Office Supply was awarded the contract for court furniture to be used in Enterprise;
- Was told the judicial district of Pike and Coffee Counties had computer a third judgeship; and
- Paid bills.

Qualifying Now Underway For County Offices

The Coffee County Democratic Executive Committee opened qualifying for various county offices on Saturday, June 9, and a host of elected officials and political hopefuls was on hand to throw their hats into the ring.

The Democratic Primary will be held on September 4, with any runoffs to be held September 25.

Candidates who have already qualified include:

COUNTY COMMISSION:
District 1 - Gilmer Grant, Leon

City Council Agrees

To Change Voting

Districts In 1988

The Elba City Council met Monday evening with all present except Cleo Hawkins. In addition to the routine business handled by the council, they approved plans for a \$750,000 bond issue expansion of Elba Packing Company; agreed with a request to place Elba in districts prior to the 1988 elections; tabled action on accepting responsibility for utilities in a new subdivision; heard a complaint on the police department and declared two councilmen re-elected.

The Elba Packing Company expansion will be financed with bonds sold by the Elba Industrial Board under the Wallace-Cater Act and will be for a \$750,000 expansion of the local plant with the expansion to be located next to the existing facility.

Rev. Virgil Coleman and a group of ladies from the Ebony Las Donas Club appeared before the council requesting that the method of electing council members be changed prior to the 1988 election to assure regular representation on the council from the minority Black race. Coleman noted that the council was once elected from wards, and he wouldn't speculate on the changes made at the time, but felt better representation could be achieved if council members were elected from districts rather than at-large.

Coleman noted they weren't asking for any change this close to an election, but four members should give plenty of time to do it properly. He noted that tradition wouldn't give the Black minority the opportunity to run successfully city-wide year-in and year-out.

Mayor Bob English said, "You and I have talked and you know my position; this administration believes in representation of all our people." He continued with, "I am in agreement with you -- don't know if it is popular to say, but it is my belief -- I just dread the work that will be involved."

Councilman Sonny Inman said, "It is a little late -- I wish it could be this election -- but we have been dragging our feet."

Each councilman present gave verbal support to the proposal and with a smile, English said to Coleman, "You got 100 percent support ... you better quit while you're ahead." The group requested an invitation to return and meet with the council in the near future and English urged them to urge as many members of the minority group as possible to attend and participate in the discussion.

Developer Roland Powell asked the council to accept utilities and the paved street in Forest Lake Estates, off Highland Drive. He noted he had 85 lots on the paved street, and 76 of them had been platted and had water, sewage, storm drains, paving and curbing already in place.

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Citizens Of Tomorrow



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Joshua, age 2 is the son of Karen C. Scott, P.O. Drawer E, Elba.



Kelli, age 21 months is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald K. Culver, Rt. 1 Jack.



Reese, age 3 and Nell, age 1 are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Grantham, P.O. Box 596, Elba.

SALE

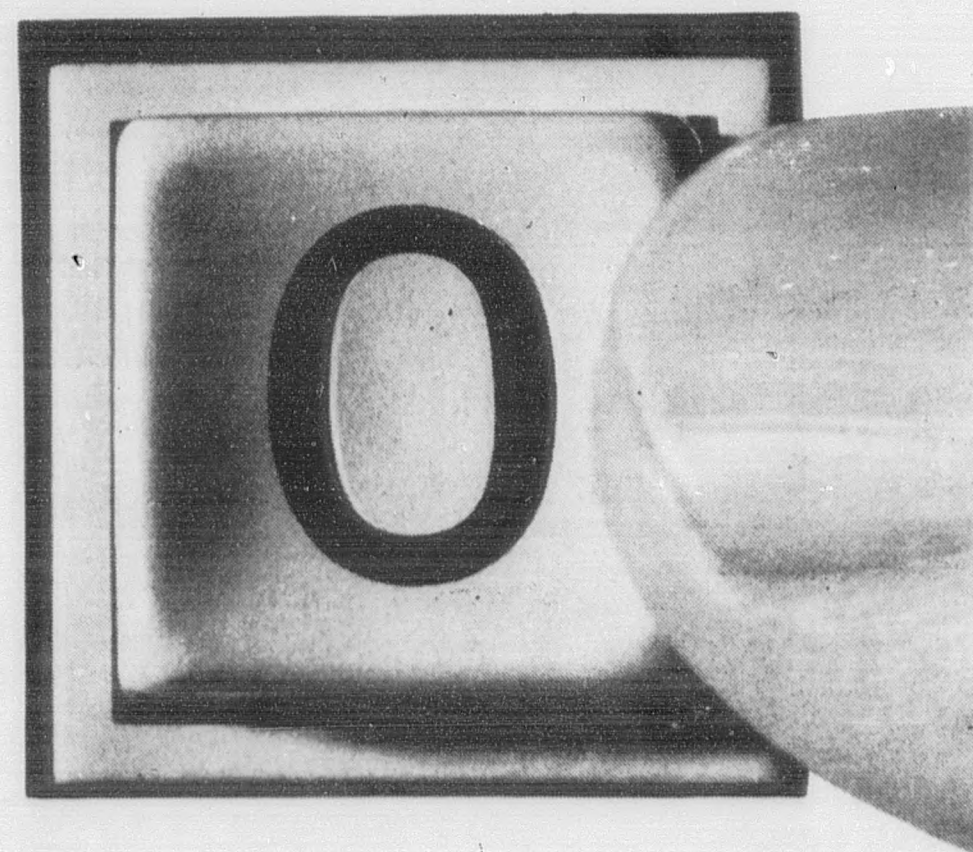
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Socials

Miss Davis-Mr. Paul Announce Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. John I. Davis of Enterprise announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Melanie Aine, to Robert Milton Paul Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Paul Sr., also of Enterprise.

The bride-elect's maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Douglas D. Tarver of Waverly, Alabama. Her paternal grandparents are Mrs. Lola B. Davis and the late Mr. George H. Davis of Montgomery.

Miss Davis is a 1983 graduate of Enterprise High School and is currently attending Enterprise State Junior College before transferring to Troy State University where she will major in Early Childhood Education. The future groom's maternal grandparents are Mrs. John V. Brunson Sr. and the late Mr. John V. Brunson Sr. of Enterprise. His paternal grandparents are the late Mr. Joseph H. Paul of Troy, the late Mrs. George W. Herndon and Mr. George W. Herndon, also of Troy.

Mr. Paul is a 1980 graduate of Enterprise High School. He is an honor graduate of Troy State University where he received the Bachelor of Science degree in History and the Master of Science degree in International Studies.

The wedding will be an event of the evening at Hillcrest Baptist Church in Enterprise. No local invitations are being sent; all friends and relatives are invited to attend.



Miss Lee - Mr. Jernigan

To Wed Saturday

Tina Marie Lee and Thomas William Jernigan will be united in marriage on Saturday, June 16, 1984 at four o'clock in the afternoon at the Elba United Methodist Church.

All friends and relatives are invited to attend the wedding and reception to follow in the church fellowship hall.



COURTNEY LEANN

Gary and Susan Jackson of Elba announce the birth of a baby girl, Courtney Leann, born Sunday, June 10, in the Elba General Hospital. She weighed 7 lbs. 11 1/2 ozs.

Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Durwood Parrish and Mr. and Mrs. James M. Jackson of Elba. Great grandparents are Mrs. P. Edwards and the late Mr. George Edwards of Liverpool, England.

Gary and Susan have one other child, Kevin, who is six years old.



Miss Belcher

Miss Belcher To Wed Mr. Gulley

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Belcher of Elba announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Evelyn Yvonne to Bobby Gulley, son of Mr. Claude Gulley and Mrs. Catherine Gulley of Elba.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. Tillman Lindsey and the late Nettie Ruth Lindsey, and the late Oliver and Hattie Belcher.

Miss Belcher is a 1983 graduate of Elba High School and is currently employed with Kleinfert's of Elba. The future groom is the grandson of the late Cleave and Velma Gulley and the late Cass and Daisy Head.

Mr. Gulley is a 1983 graduate of Elba High School and is employed at Utility Trailers in Enterprise.

The wedding will be an event of the evening at the Mulberry Missionary Baptist District educational building, Highway 166 in Elba, Rev. A.R. Williams, cousin of the bride, will perform the ceremony.

All relatives and friends are invited to attend the wedding and reception to follow in the dining hall of the building.



Kelley Bryan Participates In Dance Recital

Kelley Bryan, daughter of Gary and Paula Bryan of Dothan participated in a dance recital recently in Dothan.

Kelley is a member of the Tap and Toe School of Dance. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Wright and Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Bryan of Elba.

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Elba, AL.

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Story Reunion

To Be Held

The annual reunion of the descendants and relatives of James A. and Martha Ann Story will be held Saturday, June 16, 1984 in the community room of the Farm Center, New Brockton.

A basket dinner will be served at noon.

Saturday's event will be the tenth annual reunion.

Donated Food Program

To Continue

Governor George C. Wallace has announced there will be no termination of the USDA Donated Food Program due to a shortage of federal funds to pay for the shipping, storage and distribution of these commodities, even though Alabama's share of funds appropriated for some of the cost of distributing the food is almost depleted due to heavy demands.

Bill Rushton, Director, Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, said "While Alabama will no longer be able to accept bonus products turned down by other States, as we have done in the past, we will continue to receive and distribute Alabama's regular allocation."

Rushton stated that ADECA had been able to shift some funds within the agency to continue the distribution. Governor Wallace has made providing all available assistance to needy citizens (particularly the elderly and handicapped) a number one priority of his administration.

ADECA staff had high praise for the 26 Community Action Agencies that distributed the food in all 67 counties. Most of the manpower was provided by volunteers, county and city governments.



Gayna Smith

Named National

Award Winner

Gayna Smith has been named a 1984 United States National Award winner by the United States Achievement Academy. This position of honor places Gayna among the nation's elite youth, who are selected on the basis of their academic performance, leadership qualities, interest and aptitude, etc.

Gayna has also been named an Academic All-American. This award program was established by the National Secondary Education Council in order to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines, and scholars must earn a 3.3 or better grade-point average. These scholars are selected upon recommendation by teachers, counselors, etc.

Gayna was recommended to these awards programs by her teacher, Mrs. Jo Ann Lindsey. She is an eighth-grade student at Elba High School, and is the daughter of William P. Smith III and Gladys Waters, and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. G.C. Waters, all of Elba. She will appear in the yearbooks published annually by these honor institutions.



Mrs. Brown Is 92

Years Old

Mrs. Elizabeth Brown of Elba celebrated her 92nd birthday June 1. Mrs. Brown is the mother of Cleo Brown and Cleveland Brown of Elba, and Willie Larkwin of Elmina, New York. She resides in the Elba Nursing Home.

Elba High School & Elba Junior High Honor Roll

ALL A'S

7th GRADE

Tina Thomas

Katie Kelley

Kevin Pruitt

Kaye Sims

Michelle Stoudemire

Davina Mount

Debra Roberts

Amelia Bedsole

Jeannie Clark

Lee Coleman

Teri Finner

Amy Fuller

Mandy Ham

Michelle Kellner

Kim McBride

Wendy Moulton

Gayna Smith

Holly Wilson

Brett Bryan

Ron Bryant

Brian Free

Matt Henderson

Tim Sullivan

Renae Tidwell

8th GRADE

Amy Bowens

Tab Bryan

Beth Henderson

Amy Ross

Allison Thielen

Chris Wilson

Wynn Grimes

Greg Keanan

Joseph McCollough

Jamie Morrow

A.Z. Stoudemire

9th GRADE

Julie Sullivan

Kerri Morris

Kevin Killingsworth

Pam Windham

Danon Lowery

Kim Kelley

Herby McCall

Paige Morrow

10th GRADE

Harris Davis

Martha Holt

John Osburn

Taylor Rushing

Leslie Ham

Renae Owens

Art Brunson

Tommy Holt

Scott Kelley

Landy Magwood

Starla Henderson

Buster Kelley

Jay Patel

11th GRADE

Tim Dyess

12th Grade

Jammy Robinson

Lula Powell

Debbie Blair

Melonee Boland

Phyllis Bryan

Mark Henderson

Candy Moore

Millie Pearce

A AND B

Betty Cole

Rachel Cowart

Teresa Gilbert

Jack Lee

Chris Cox

Jay Johnson

Stanley Jones

Mike McCollough

Karen Morrow

Jetty Wise

11th GRADE

Roselyn Howe

Michael Maddox

Lisa Moore

Dawn Smith

Darren Stevens

Regina Hudson

Amy Ellis

Barbara Parks

Michael Scott

Sherry Sharpless

Wayne Nolen

Stacy Santa Rossa

Gary Kelley

Brian English

Sharon Siler

12th GRADE

Margaret Cox

Elizabeth Gilbert

Dewayne Hooks

Lana Lee

Tiffany Harper

Aleah Hudson

Susan King

Beverly McCall

Keith Murdock

Stephanie Smith

Kathy Tucker

Lori Chandler

Mickey Daniels

Kim Fuller

Kenneth Daniels

Tom Hooks

Nancy Johnston

Jeff Smith

Elba Students Receive Degrees At Auburn

Auburn University will award degrees to a total of 1,880 on its two campuses at the end of the spring quarter, including 1,529 at Auburn and 351 awarded June 1 at Auburn University at Montgomery. This brings the total degrees awarded for the past year to 4,490 and for all time to 118,428. AU has awarded 3,741 for the year for a total of 109,936; AUM has awarded 749 for a total of 8,492.

Members of the graduating class from this area included:

ELBA: Bachelor -- Michael Engram Harrison; Lella Carol Holt; Thomas Ivon Moore; Tina Leigh Tatum; Kay Addy; Brenda Jo Austin; Kate Love Clements; Alfred Jerome Dees; Carol Joan Dotson; Charles Adair Gainer Jr.; Gregory William Gill.

Jennifer Lucille Harris (High Honors), Edward Hundley Howard; Mark Edward Lolley; Patricia Lynn Parker; Susan Rebecca Wilkinson.

Haygens Receives Promotion

Alexander R. Haygens, son of Eleanor Haygens of Rural Route 2, Kinston, has been promoted in the U.S. Army to the rank of sergeant.

Haygens is an indirect-fire infantryman at Fort Bragg, N.C., with the 82nd Airborne Division.

Elba Lodge 170 To Have Annual Communication

All members of Elba Masonic Lodge 170 are reminded of the annual communication on Monday, June 18, at 7 p.m.

Walter J. Crook Earns Degree In Medicine

Walter J. Crook, son of Mrs. Kermit G. Crook and the late Mr. Crook of Elba earned his degree from the College of Medicine at the University of South Alabama in Mobile.

Dr. Crook received his degree June 3 in ceremonies held at the Mobile Municipal Auditorium; sixty-five candidates for the doctor of medicine degrees were honored in graduation ceremonies.

Before entering the U.S. College of Medicine, Crook attended the University of Alabama where he earned his Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees. At the University, he was of Phi Beta Kappa Fraternity.

Crook is the father of two sons, Walter J. Crook Jr. and Daniel James.

Dr. Crook plans on doing his residency in surgery at the Huron Road Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio.



WALTER J. CROOK

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• 175 Watt mercury vapor
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• 22 Ounces
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Expires June 17

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Murray
Push Mower
3.5 HP
lawnmower
20" cut,
Manual re-
start.
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Reg. 117.44
PRICE WITH THIS COUPON
92.00
Expires June 17

WAL-MART COUPON

Power Painter
Spray Gun Kit
3.5 HP
lawnmower
20" cut,
Manual re-
start.
Reg. 83.83
PRICE WITH THIS COUPON
70.00
Expires June 17

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REMEMBER DAD WITH A GIFT FROM MARTIN'S

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JARMAN - HUSH PUPPIES - WRANGLER
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UNDERWEAR
HANES - FRUIT OF THE LOOM
TIES - SOCKS
WE CARRY BIG AND TALL MEN CLOTHES.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

PASTOR'S CORNER

REV. BEN AMONG
ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH

CHURCH? WHEN CONVENIENT

There was a man who lived in the final third of our 20 century. His home was new. Two cars and a boat graced his garage, color TV gleamed in his den, and new carpeting covered his floors. His family was healthy. Indeed, good fortune had smiled upon him.

As was his custom, when the fish were not biting, and when he was not on the beach or at the lake, or when company did not invite him out, or when his friends did not persuade him to go golfing or when he was not too tired, he went to church "regularly."

On these "regular" occasions - every month or two - he made it a point to deplore the state of religion.

He noticed the "empty spaces" in church, the poor offering, the preacher's lack of enthusiasm, the short comings of the church school, and that the hymns were "not similar" anymore. "They ought to do better," he said. "What happened to the old-fashioned religion I knew as a child?"

So vacations came and went. His children grew up but the church failed to interest them. Little by little this man of affluence lost his contact with the church. Finally, when his health failed, he decided to give the church another chance, but behold, when he arrived there was no church - only a supermarket, open seven days a week!

Revival At

Country Cathedral

There will be a revival at the Country Cathedral at Friendship (formerly Friendship Holiness Church). Services are scheduled June 17, 1984, June 22, 1984. Services will start each night at 7:30 p.m. Sunday morning 11:00 a.m. Sunday night 6:00 p.m. Rev. Brett Cooper from Enterprise, AL will be the evangelist. The church is located north of Opp, AL on Hwy 331 go to Friendship state road sign, turn right, church is 4 miles on right. From Elba, AL or Hwy 84 go to Danley's Crossroads, go due west, 2 miles church on left.

There will be an evening of gospel singing every Sunday night at the Country Cathedral at Friendship (formerly Friendship Holiness Church). June 17, 1984 will feature The Christian Heirs from Bonifay, FL. The services will start at 6:00 p.m.

SINGINGS

CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY
There will be a gospel singing at The Church of God of Prophecy 1401 North Claxton Ave, Elba on Saturday, June 16 at 7:30 p.m. The featured singers will be The Messengers Quartet from Dothan and The Register Family from Bonifay, FL.

Everyone is invited at J.E. Wesley.

TAYLOR HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

There will be a gospel singing at Taylor Hill Baptist Church Saturday night June 16, at 7:00 p.m. Guest singers will be Lamoni Cloud and The Harmony Boys from Albany, Georgia.

The singing will be located 1 1/2 miles from Elba on Hwy. 84 West. Everyone is invited to attend.

Thou compassed my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word in tongue, but in O Lord, thou knowest it all together. Psalm 139:3-4

Church Directory

ELBA UNITED METHODIST - John C. Carmichael
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Morning Service - 10:45 a.m.
Children and Youth Choir Practice - 6:00 p.m.
Evening Service - 7:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY - J.E. Wesley
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship - 6:30 p.m.
Tues. Even. - 7:30 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS - Rev. Charles Dye
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m.
Sunday night sing - 6:00 p.m.
Bible Study, Wed. 7:00 p.m.

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD (Kinston) - Robert Bowen
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Morning Service - 11:00 a.m.
C.A. (Youth) - 5:30 p.m.
Evangelist Union - 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST - Elda Wraymon
Pryor
Sunday School - 10:30 a.m.
Norn. Service - 12:00 p.m.
2nd and 4th Sundays

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH - Billy Shellhouse
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Service - 11:00 a.m.
Church Training - 5:30 p.m.
Even. Worship - 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Night - 7:00 p.m.

WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD - Ferron Smith
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Service - 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service - 5:00 p.m.
Even. Service - 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet. 7:00 p.m.
Fri. Home Prayer - 7:00 p.m.

MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD - Jake C. Batcher
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Morning Service - 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service - 5:30 p.m.

NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Morning Service - 6:00 p.m.
Evening Service - 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet. 7:00 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m.
Church Training - 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship - 7:00 p.m.
Prayer Serv. Wed. 7:00 p.m.

MULBERRY HEIGHTS CHURCH OF CHRIST - R.B. Williams
Bible Study - 10:00 a.m.
Morning Service - 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service - 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH - Billy Henderson
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Morning Service - 11:00 a.m.
Youth Choir Prac. 4:00 p.m.
Training Union - 5:00 p.m.
Evening Service - 6:00 p.m.
Outreach Wed. - 6:00 p.m.
Adult Choir Wed. 8:00 p.m.

NEW HAVEN TABERNACLE ASSEMBLY OF GOD - Huey D. Anderson
S. School - 10:00 a.m.
Church - 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service - 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Night - 7:00 p.m.

ZOAR COMMUNITY CHURCH - Faye Sims
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Morning Service - 11:00 a.m.
Youth Service - 6:00 p.m.
Evening Service - 7:00 p.m.

ELBA FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD - Jim Arbogast
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Morning Service - 11:00 a.m.
Adult Choir - 4:30 p.m.
Evening Service - 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service - 7:00 p.m.
Youth Scene Wed. 7:00 p.m.

WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH - Lanny Shepard
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Morning Service - 11:00 a.m.
Training Union - 5:00 p.m.
Evening Service - 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet. 7:00 p.m.

WESTSIDE BAPTIST
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Morning Service - 11:00 a.m.
Youth Choir Prac. 4:45 p.m.
Church Training - 6:00 p.m.
Evening Service - 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet. 7:00 p.m.

ALBERTSON BAPTIST - Milford Johnson
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Morning Service - 11:00 a.m.
Training Union - 6:00 p.m.
Evening Service - 7:00 p.m.
1st Sunday aft. 2:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPTIST - Rev. Billy Sunday
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Morning Service - 11:00 a.m.
Training Union - 6:00 p.m.
Evening Service - 7:00 p.m.
1st Sunday aft. 2:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE - David Baggett
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Morning Service - 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service - 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv. 7:00 p.m.

VICTORIA BAPTIST - Larry Doster
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Morning Service - 11:00 a.m.
Choir Practice - 4:30 p.m.
Training Union - 5:00 p.m.
Evening Service - 6:00 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH - Syble Bagwell, Pastor
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Morn. worship - 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service - 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv. 7:00 p.m.

NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH - Dr. L.B. Baldwin, Sr.
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Worship Serv. 11:00 a.m.
1st and 3rd Sundays

ELBA CITY COUNCIL
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
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Charlene Larry Charlotte

Calvary Critters Coming To Wise Mill Assembly

There will be a Kids Crusade at Wise Mill A/G Beginning Sunday, June 17 at 6:00 p.m. and Monday thru Wed. June 20 at 7:00 p.m. The guest evangelists will be the Calvary Critters from Mobile, AL. There will be prizes and games and two foot candy bars will be given away to the boy and girl bringing the most visitors. Pastor Ferron Smith invites all kids to come join in the fun.

County Extension

Council To

Meet Tonight

Densy Lowry, president of the County Extension Council, has announced that the summer meeting of the Coffee County Extension Council will be held the night of June 14 at the Farm Center, Fred D. Donaldson of Enterprise will be the featured speaker.

The Council members will briefly review some of the accomplishments of the past six months and also look at programs to be finished during the summer months.

Mrs. Nadine McCall of Goodman is vice-president of the Council, and Mrs. Imogene Ellis of Enterprise is secretary.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
James Cooper
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Morning Service - 11:00 a.m.
Evangelist Serv. 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv. 7:00 p.m.

CALVARY BAPTIST - Jerry Thomas
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Morning Service - 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service - 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv. 7:00 p.m.

TAYLOR HILL BAPTIST CHURCH - Jim Danford
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Morning Service - 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service - 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv. 7:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Bob P. ...
Bible Study - 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship - 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
E.A. ...
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Morning Service - 11:00 a.m.
Training Union - 6:00 p.m.
Evening Service - 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Family Meal 5:40 p.m.
C.A. (Youth) - 5:30 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST - J.L. Gray
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Morning Service - 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service - 7:00 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal Each Thurs. Before 1st and 3rd Sundays.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE - David Baggett
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Morning Service - 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service - 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv. 7:00 p.m.

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EARLY FILES

TEN YEARS AGO

JUNE 13, 1974
***The Elba Teachers Association honored two retiring teachers at a coffee on May 27. Mrs. Doris Pinckard and Mrs. Jean Paul were presented silver trays as tokens of appreciation for their years of service to education.

***The children of Mr. and Mrs. Duval Wise honored their parents with a reception on Sunday afternoon, June 2, in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary. Greeting guests at the door was Miss Judy Helms, while Judy Kelley registered the guests. Serving the guests were the Jan Wise, Cyndi Maddox, Nancy Helms and Linda Hale.

***The approaching marriage of Miss Marilyn Faye Taylor to Mr. Gregory Lynn Liles of Decatur is announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Taylor, Mr. Liles' parents are Mrs. Betty Liles of Decatur, and Mr. T.L. Liles of Childersburg.

***Twelve senior Girl Scouts, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cannon, made a recent memorable trip to New York, paid for by work done by them. Girls making this adventure-packed trip were: Courtney Cannon, Melanie Camley, Debbie Padgett, Nancy Taylor, Bev Cox, Bunny Cox, Wilma Anderson, Wendy Anderson, Ann Martin, Sherri Cook, Alice Brunson and Judy Lee.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
JUNE 11, 1964
***Susan Nobles, beautiful daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Q.P. Nobles of Kinston, was among the most outstanding dancers in the Dorothy Rainer Sellers Studio of Dancing Dance Debut of 1964 in Florida last week.

***Bobby Lee Kelley, Rt. 4, Elba, with 50 acres of cotton, brought in the first open cotton bloom to the Elba Clipper, and within thirty minutes R.W. DeVaughn of Rt. 4, Elba, brought in the second bloom. DeVaughn has 100 acres of cotton on his farm.

Mrs. Nellie B. Martin joined the Grand Odyssey Tour in Montgomery Friday for a tour of many places of interest in Europe. When she returns to New York she plans to visit the World's Fair, and from there visit relatives in Cleveland, Ohio.

***Mrs. L.P. Morrow Jr. and children, Buddy and Dixie, of Dayton, Ohio, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. L.P. Morrow Sr. and Mrs. H.D. Tillman, Major Morrow will join them here later this week.

***Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Crook attended graduation at Auburn University Thursday, where their daughter Linda was one of the graduates. Linda was in the upper five percent of all full-time students registered in the school of education.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
JUNE 17, 1954
***Mr. and Mrs. Ted Ham and two children of Memphis, Tennessee, visited relatives in Elba several days last week. The Ham family spent six-and-a-half years in Bombay, India, where Mr. Ham held a responsible position with Firestone

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"Big Jim" Keeps On Going



"BIG JIM" FOLSOM

Former Governor of Alabama and Cullman resident James E. "Big Jim" Folsom is at home and resting well, according to his wife, Jamelle, after being released from Birmingham's University Medical Center April 27. Folsom was treated for congestive heart failure.

Mrs. Folsom says the colorful and well-known Folsom is "resting, but he's weak. He does visit with friends between naps. He just wants to be at home." Nurses attend Folsom around the clock.

"Big Jim" was born on a farm near Elba on October 9, 1908, the son of Joshua Marion and Eulalia Cornelia Dunaway. Folsom and his wife were named James Elisha. His father died eleven years later, but not before the young James had been introduced into politics through his father's terms as deputy sheriff, county commissioner and tax assessor of Coffee County.

Upon graduation from Elba High School in 1927, Folsom enrolled at the University of Alabama where he worked at odd jobs to pay his way through. A short while later, Howard College (now Samford University) awarded him a basketball scholarship, a sport in which he excelled. Big Jim's long-term dream of becoming a corporate lawyer ended abruptly in 1929 with the devastating Pea River flood which caused more than \$1 million in damage to the area, and sent Folsom back home to Elba to help his mother and family get re-established.

Except for classes in public speaking which he took at George Washington University while working in the nation's capital several years later, his formal education was ended.

Folsom joined the Merchant Marines, and after two trips around the world, he returned to New York where he worked as a guide on Admiral Byrd's ship which had just returned from the Antarctic. He later worked as a doorman at a theater.

In November 1933, Folsom went to Guntersville as Marshall County's Director of the Work Relief Administration, which had been newly created by Congress as the first nationwide effort to bring aid to the unemployed. At 25, he was the youngest county administrator in the

state and the tragedy, hunger and mass unemployment he witnessed left a profound impression on his mind. His natural love and concern for people inspired him to travel constantly, and his long conversations with those he sought to help deeply shaped the inner convictions that were later to become the framework for his political platform.

In the summer of 1935, the WPA office in Guntersville closed and with it went Director Folsom's \$150 a month job. He went to Washington and landed a job under Harry Hopkins in the Projects Division of WPA. There he used great influence to get as many Alabama projects as he could for many delegations who came to him for aid. Reminded by his superiors that he was supposed to be working "for all the nation and not just for Alabama," Folsom continued to pitch for his native state and for the people of Alabama.

Folsom had already been bitten by the political "bug" while in Washington he had attended some of Dr. Townsend's "Old Folks" meetings and was much impressed by the "Ham and Eggs Welfare Plan". This experience was also to have significant effect on his political campaigns and programs.

In 1936 Democrat James E. Folsom launched a political campaign trail over which he was to travel for the next three decades. His defeat by incumbent U.S. Representative Henry Steagall in 1936, and again two years later, did not kill Folsom's political ambitions.

In 1942 he announced his candidacy for governor, and the 70,000 votes he received was all the encouragement he needed. Folsom joined the federal employee needed to really set to work with a will and determination to win.

Although he was defeated in his first three tries at public offices, Folsom's brash campaign style made him an underdog candidate across Alabama. Declaring that "no man was a politician until he had been beaten at least twice," Big Jim (a name he attained long before) announced his candidacy for governor of Alabama in 1946, and

with his announcement touched off one of the stormiest campaigns ever to confront the state up to that time.

Ralph Hammond, a close observer of the Folsom campaign, once wrote: "Few men in the public life of America have equalled 'Big Jim' as a campaigner. Fewer still have excelled him."

The shoulder signs and cowbells of his Congressional races gave way to a shuck nup and suds bucket. Accompanied by a country music band called the Strawberry Pickers, Folsom barnstormed every corner of the state, always telling the ever-increasing crowds: "You folks provide the suds and I'll do the scrubbing to get those scheming mills out of the capital!"

Folsom's campaigns were financed by a large part of the quarters and half-dollars collected when the suds buckets were passed among cheering crowds.

"Vall Come" were the two words Folsom added to his theme song "Down Yonder", which came to be synonymous with Jim Folsom, as did several euphemisms coined during his speeches. He delighted his audiences with references to the wealthy as "Got Rocks" and "Big Mules". The United States State Department was labeled "Fancy Panters" and "Trea Sipper" and rural Alabamians became known as "Branch Heads".

Grammar was of no use at all to the tall country boy. He spoke the language of the common people and his platform calling for old age pensions, good roads, better education, a constitutional convention, reappointment of the legislature and the right to vote were among the things his followers wanted to hear. Folsom consistently avoided setting race against race, stating that "Nothing built on hate and prejudice can survive - at least not in a Democracy."

There were those who thought of Folsom as a dangerous demagogue and others who dismissed him as a "country clown", but - come Election Day 1946, James Elisha Folsom was swept into the Alabama governor's chair.

At the end of his first term, Folsom returned to his insurance business in Cullman where he remained until 1954 when he again announced his intent to seek the governor's office.

Following the most vigorous campaign of his life which took him to all 67 counties, "Big Jim" was elected by a landslide in the primary. He polled a staggering 305,000 votes, which was approximately 15,000 votes more than his next six opponents combined.

With his 1954 re-election, Folsom became the first governor in Alabama history to be elected twice.

Following the proposal of local government, Folsom signed into law more than 20 major bills concerning local government, which were passed by the legislature during his first administration along with many more during his second term in office. But the things of which Folsom was most proud were his many hundreds of miles of black-topped roads which stand as lasting monuments to the campaign promise "Big Jim Folsom kept his word."

At the end of his second administration, Folsom once again retired to his home in Cullman, but politics was still in his veins. Although in declining health, he announced his candidacy for governor in 1962 only to finish far down the list.

(Folsom moved to the Cullman area in 1936 when he became manager of the North Alabama Office of the Emergency Aid Insurance Company which his family helped to establish.)

Even though his latter campaigns lacked the excitement of his earlier ones, Big Jim demonstrated the Folsom flair for originality and drama by announcing that he was conducting a front porch campaign and all of Alabama was invited to come by his stately Cullman home and talk to him.

Gov. Folsom married Sarah A. Carley, daughter of Probate Judge J. A. Carley of Elba, on Christmas Day of 1936. Two daughters, Rachel and Melissa, were born to this union.

Mrs. Folsom died in 1944 and four years later Big Jim married Miss Jamelle Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E.M. Moore of Berry, Alabama. Their son, James Elisha, Jr., and Andrew Jackson Folsom were the first children to be born in the Alabama governor's mansion in many years.

Jim and Jamelle Folsom later became the parents of five more children with the youngest, a girl, having been born during Big Jim's latter campaign.

SPORTS

VIEWS FROM

THE PRESSBOX

BY RICKY MULARZ, EDITOR

The 8th Annual Elba Softball Classic will be held this weekend and this year's event could very well be the best yet! The tourney will include two divisions (A & Open and B, C and Church), which will bring more teams to town and give everybody a chance to see softball played at all levels. The entry deadline is tomorrow (Tuesday), so I don't know everyone who's in it. However, it looks like a good tournament.

In the A & Open division the early entries included: Western Sizzling, of Enterprise, the defending champs; AFC, of Andalusia, a popular team loaded with power; Crispy Chick, of Opp, a new team that could win it all; Big 10 Tire, of Montgomery, the old Aanco bunch with power to spare; Pea River Timber, of Montgomery, the old L & L Paint gang, with a lot of new faces. Other teams are expected to get in, so, get ready!

The B, C and Church tourney is expected to draw 16 teams and it too will be filled with talent. Local entries include: Hickman Movers, Hickory Pit and Elba Merchants will try to win it, but out-of-town teams like Day's Grocery (Ozark), Southern Comfort (E'prise) and Springfield (Georgia) are coming to take home the silver.

I urge everyone to come out Friday night and Saturday and watch the tourney. It ought to be something!

While on the subject of softball, Elba has been awarded the District Class B tournament the weekend of July 27-28. The tourney will draw a field of 20-30 teams and the city is honored to host the District event.

The new tennis courts at Hawkins-Williams park are nearing completion and soon all Elba's tennis enthusiasts will have a first quality place to play. I'm convinced the courts will stay packed as more and more people learn to play, and in years to come Elba's tennis population will skyrocket.

Kinston's Coach Ronnie Cottrell has had a change of heart and announced last week he will remain at the school as the head football coach. He had resigned in mid-May to go to Sanson, but decided Kinston's program was headed in the right direction and that he wanted to be the man to lead it to football respectability. I think the change in plans will be good for both Kinston and Coach Cottrell.

Lindsey's & Kleinerts Winning

The Women's Softball League got back into action last week with Lindsey's and Kleinert's posting wins to go to 2-0. The Elba Hospital and Enterprise Machine fell to 0-2.

Lindsey's 12
Hospital 5

Lindsey's led all the way to club the Hospital 12-5. Lindsey's led only 5-3 early, but pulled away from the win. Diane Windham and Rita Smith

got 2 hits for Lindsey's while Moore and Dainels got 2 hits for the Hospital.

Kleinert's 12
Enterprise Machine 12-1. Kleinert's led 8-0 in the first and rolled to the romp.

Gail Jackson, Boutwell, Lucas and Stigers all got 2 hit for Kleinert's.

Blazers Are Blazing In Girl's Softball

The Blazers continued to swing hot bats last week as they upped their record to 4-0. The Braves follow at 3-1, then come the Beavers 1-3 and the Bandits 0-4.

Blazers 14
Beavers 3

The Blazers led all the way to rip the Beavers 14-3. The Blazers led 8-0 early and cruised to the win. Shannon and Susan got 4 hits apiece for the Blazers, while Bridgett got 3 and Sonya added 2. Regina got 2 hits for the Beavers.

Reds Clinch Babe Ruth Crown

The Reds rolled up two more wins last week to improve their record to 12-0 and in doing so clinched the Babe Ruth League championship. The A's, which have clinched second, follow at 7-5, while the Dodgers are 3-9 and the White Sox 2-10.

Reds 8
A's 0

Stan Sauls pitched a 2-hitter, struck-out 12 batters and got 3 hits to lead the Reds to an 8-0 win over the A's. The Reds held a slim 2-0 lead after five innings, but scored late to post the easy win.

Wynn Grimes added 2 hits for the

Exchange Bank Survives Scare In Softball

The Elba Exchange Bank survived a scare to remain unbeaten and up its record to 10-0 in Men's Softball action. Following EXB in the standings are Elba Merchants 6-2, Kelley's Packing 5-4, Hickory Pit 4-4, Hammond's Body 5-5, Hickman Moving 4-5, Rebels 2-9 and Work Release 0-7.

Exchange Bank 5
Elba Merchants 3

The Elba Exchange Bank remained unbeaten with a 5-3 win over the Elba Merchants. EXB

Beavers 17
Bandits 13

The Braves led all the way to claim a wild 17-13 win over the Bandits. The Braves led 8-1 early and held on for the win.

Katie, April and Amy got 4 hits apiece for the Braves, while Kristian got 3 and Stephanie, Charla and Kristal all got 2. Connie got 3 hits for the Bandits, while Kenya and Calista both added 2.

Blazers 21
Bandits 1

The Blazers had no trouble in ripping the Bandits 21-1. The Blazers led 10-0 early and rolled to the win.

Susan, Leigh Ann and Sandy all got 2 hits for the Blazers, who took advantage of 20 walks.

Work Release 2
Dodgers 2

The Whites Sox scored late to pull out a 5-2 win over the Dodgers. The score was tied at 2-2 in the fourth; however, the Sox rallied to claim the win.

Mickey Dunnaway pitched a no-hitter and struck-out 10 batters to pace the Sox, while Dean Hooks got 2 hits.

Reds 17
Sox 8

The Reds scored early and often

to rip the White Sox 17-8. The Reds led only 7-3 in the third, but exploded to claim the big win.

Troy Hudson got 3 hits for the Reds, while Scott Brown added 2. Pat Dewberry got 2 hits for the Sox.

A's 7
Dodgers 2

The A's led all the way to down the Dodgers 7-2. The Sox pulled out to a quick 4-0 lead and held on to post the win.

Bill Bruckner got 3 hits to lead the A's, while Jason Johnson added 2. Ralph Sanders got 2 hits for the Dodgers.

Westside 2
Church Softball

The Church Softball League continued its season last week with Westside at top the standings with an 8-1 record, followed by 1st Baptist 6-3, Elba Methodist 6-4, Shiloh 2-8 and Zion Chapel 2-8.

Shiloh 24
Zion Chapel 16

Shiloh led all the way to outscore Zion Chapel 24-16. Shiloh pulled out to a quick 15-0 lead and held on to claim the win.

Jeff Smith got 4 hits to lead Shiloh, Joey Sasser and Kevin Smith added 3, while Wayne Harrison, James Baldwin and David Thomas all added 2. Jeff Amlong and Alan Smith got 3 hits apiece for Z.C., while Jerry Sheffield, Dennis Dean, R. Jackson and Charles Smith all added 2.

1st Baptist 12
Methodist 4

1st Baptist led all the way to rip the Methodists 12-4. The Baptists led 6-0 early and breezed to the win.

Bob Robertson, Art Brunson and Craig Murdock got 3 hits apiece to lead the Baptists, while John Osburn, Billy Bimbo and Butch Oggs all added 2. Chris Cox, Kenneth Baker, Ronnie Vaughan and Matt Brunson got 2 hits each for the Methodists.

Methodists 19
Z.C. Baptist 3

The Methodists had no trouble in blasting Zion Chapel Baptist 19-3. Methodists led only 4-2 in the fifth, but exploded late to claim the win.

Merrill Shirley, Tommy Holt and Mark Vaughan got 3 hits to lead the Methodists, while Chris Cox, Eddie Coleman and Ronnie Vaughan all added 2. Greg Bailey got 4 hits for Hickman and Therrel Wise added 2.

Elba Merchants 21
Hickman Movers 7

Wayne Dudy blasted 3 home-runs to pace the Merchants to a 21-7 win over Hickman. The Merchants led 8-5 in the second and rolled away with the win.

Kenneth Suley and Jr. Helms got 4 hits for the Merchants; Chuck Coleman, Wayne Suley, David Suley and Mike Farris all added 3, while Mike Farris and Bill Bowden both got 2. Greg Bailey got 4 hits for Hickman and Therrel Wise added 2.

Hickman 9
Kelley's 3

Hickman pulled away late to thump Kelley's 9-3. The Movers led 4-1 in the fourth and pulled away.

Greg Bailey and Danny Sanders got 3 hits each for Hickman, while Dumpy DeVaughan added 2. Tim Dyess got 2 hits for Kelley's.

Hammonds 9
Rebels 8

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Senior Citizens Meet And Enjoy Fresh Vegetables

The Senior Citizens Club met for their weekly cooked dish luncheon on June 7 at the HRDC building at 707 Simmons Street. They enjoyed delicious fresh vegetables, and report that many of the members have been busy with gardens, flowers and yards.

Those present were Mattie Lou Goodson, Dot Armstrong, Bonnie Davis, Lena Farris, Minnie Davis, Mary L. Smith, Mack Spinks, Mary F. Spinks, Mary Longfellow, Pinkie Spinks, Annie Pearl Carpenter and daughter, Merle Bolling and Wanda Sasser.

Elba General

Hospital News

Persons admitted to Elba General Hospital during the period of June 5 through 11 include the following:

Oliver - Peterson, Bonnie Turbville, Drexel Kelley, Harro Wilkerson, Deborah Cartrett, Jack Brown, Vergie Craft, Carol Wilson, LaRue Kelley, Janet Davis, Fanchon Nunn, Lizzie Cartrett, Bonnie Simmons, Lena LeCompte, James Hattaway, Susan Jackson, Jack Brown, Vassie Ward, Martha Mauldin, Richard Owens, Courtney Jackson, James Jones.

Those discharged during the same period of time include:

Pearl Lunsford, Dewayne Dubose, Emma Brooks, Mary White, Drexel Kelley, Lura Brunson, O.H. Peterson, Junior Jackson, Martha McCollough, Donna Lowe, Bonnie Turbville, Mary Jo Daniels, Carol Wilson, Bonnie Simmons, Myrtle Carpenter, Vergie Craft, Jack Brown, Ocie Phelps, David Cartrett, Janet Davis, Harro Wilkerson, LaRue Kelley.

Zion Chapel Fire

Department To Have

Membership Meeting

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Pirates Take Over Dixie Youth Lead

The Pirates blasted the Mets last week to take over first place in the Dixie Youth League standings. The Pirates led with a 7-1 record, followed by the Mets 7-2, Cardinals 6-3, Yankees 3-5, Astros 3-7 and Tigers 0-6.



LOOK OUT BEAVERS... Lt. John Gargis holds a 3 1/2 foot alligator that will be placed in a private pond in Coffee County to control beavers.

Gator Placed In Local Lake

Alligators, the natural enemy to snakes and small water animals, are now being used to help control beavers in Alabama lakes and Lt. John Gargis, of the State Dept. of Conservation, reported last week that the new practice is being tried in Coffee County.

Gargis stated the Fish and Wildlife Services had been stocking alligators in lakes for years to control beavers; however, only recently has it been used in the local area.

"The gator won't affect the fishing," said Gargis, "but it will eat

young beavers and snakes. An alligator is an asset to a lake."

Gargis stated a 3 1/2 foot alligator trapped in a beaver pond in Houston County would be placed in a private pond in Coffee County to aid in ridding the pond of beavers. The alligator was one of 8 caught in the beaver pond and Gargis said attempts to trap larger gators, some as long as 10 feet, had been unsuccessful. The large alligators had been attacking small calves and will be trapped for removal.

The Pirates rallied to post an exciting 12-6 win over the Astros. The Yanks trailed 2-0 early, but pulled ahead 8-4 in the third and held on for the win.

Derrick Hooks and Tim Tidwell got 2 hits apiece for the Yanks, while Ronnie Edwards hit a home-run. Kevin Matthews got 3 hits, including a home-run, to lead the Astros, while Bill Bennett got 2 hits and also got a home-run.

Cardinals 10
Tigers 6
The Cardinals continued their winning ways by edging the Tigers 10-6. The Cards led 9-4 in the third and rolled to the win.

Willie Flowers got 3 hits to lead the Cardinals, while Bennie Daniels and Tim Whitfield added 2. Bennie Wilkerson got 2 hits for the Tigers.

Pirates 8
Mets 3
The Pirates rallied to defeat the Mets 8-3 as Chris Thomas twirled a 5-hitter and struck-out 12 batters. The Pirates trailed 2-0 early, but came back to move into first place.

Ronald Thigpen got 2 hits for the Pirates, while Joe Brooks hit a home-run. Hayden Young got 2 hits for the Mets.

Cubs Hold On To Lead In Minor League Baseball

The Minor League season was filled with action last week with the Cubs keeping a hold on first place. The Cubs now own an 8-1 record, followed by the Braves 5-3, Angels 4-3, Expos 3-4, Bluejays 2-5 and Giants 2-7.

Cubs 12
Bluejays 9
The Cubs pulled out to an early lead and held on to edge the Bluejays 12-9. Chris Hodge, Russ Steffner and Don Reeves got two hits for the Cubs, while Pee Wee and David Yelverton got two each for the Bluejays.

Giants 5
Expos 3
The Cubs pulled away late to dump the Expos 5-3. Steve Hodge, Alex Magwood, Keith Martin, Daniel Kidd, Joe Kelley and Tim Tiltis all got two hits for the Cubs, while Jacobs, Terry, Lance McCollough and Chris Kelley got two hits for the Expos.

Braves 7
Bluejays 1
The Braves led all the way to nip the Bluejays 7-1. Tony Parker and Thigpen got two hits for the Braves, while Justin Steele got two hits for the Bluejays.

Angels 12
Giants 8
The Angels broke loose in the final inning to down the Giants 12-8. Dave Richburg, Alan Robinson and Eric Simmons all got three hits for the Angels, while Chris Parrish and Todd Grantham both added two. Charles Bozeman, Kyle Padgett, Chris Hudson, Chris Tadlock, Todd Calimore and John Davis all got two hits for the Giants.

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Cardinals 18
Astros 9
The Cardinals led all the way to crush the Astros 18-9. The Cards, which got 15 hits, led 18-3 early and breezed to the win.

Tim Caldwell and Chris Armstrong got 3 hits apiece for the Cardinals, while Bennie Daniels, Tim Whitfield, Tommy Boswell and Gary Gilbert all added 2. Jamie Whitworth got 2 hits for the Astros.

Pirates 9
Tigers 0
Audie Fudge fired a 1-hitter and struck-out 7 batters to pace the Pirates to a 9-0 win over the Tigers. The Pirates led only 4-0 after three-innings, but broke loose and claimed the win.

Todd McCall got 2 hits for the Pirates.

Yankees 12
Astros 6
The Yankees rallied to post an exciting 12-6 win over the Astros. The Yanks trailed 2-0 early, but pulled ahead 8-4 in the third and held on for the win.

Derrick Hooks and Tim Tidwell got 2 hits apiece for the Yanks, while Ronnie Edwards hit a home-run. Kevin Matthews got 3 hits, including a home-run, to lead the Astros, while Bill Bennett got 2 hits and also got a home-run.

Cardinals 10
Tigers 6
The Cardinals continued their winning ways by edging the Tigers 10-6. The Cards led 9-4 in the third and rolled to the win.

Willie Flowers got 3 hits to lead the Cardinals, while Bennie Daniels and Tim Whitfield added 2. Bennie Wilkerson got 2 hits for the Tigers.

Pirates 8
Mets 3
The Pirates rallied to defeat the Mets 8-3 as Chris Thomas twirled a 5-hitter and struck-out 12 batters. The Pirates trailed 2-0 early, but came back to move into first place.

Ronald Thigpen got 2 hits for the Pirates, while Joe Brooks hit a home-run. Hayden Young got 2 hits for the Mets.

Softball & Baseball Schedules

Church Softball
Thursday, June 14
7:00 - 1st Baptist vs. Westside
8:00 - Methodists vs. Shiloh
Tuesday, June 19
7:00 - Shiloh vs. 1st Baptist
8:00 - Westside vs. Zion Chapel

Men's Softball
Thursday, June 14
7:00 - Hickman vs. Work Release
8:00 - Hammonds vs. Kelleys
Monday, June 18
7:00 - Merchants vs. Hammonds
8:00 - Exchange Bank vs. Hickman

Advanced Babe Ruth
Thursday, June 14
Elba at Samson (5:00)
Babe Ruth
Thursday, June 14
6:00 - White Sox vs. Dodgers
8:00 - A's vs. Reds

Dixie Youth
Thursday, June 14
6:00 - Tigers vs. Astros
7:30 - Yankees vs. Pirates
Monday, June 18
6:00 - Pirates vs. Astros
7:30 - Cardinals vs. Yankees

Minor League
Thursday, June 14
6:00 - Expos vs. Braves
Monday, June 18
7:00 - Expos vs. Angels
8:00 - Braves vs. Cubs

Women's Softball
Monday, June 18
(Rainout Games)
7:00 - Kleinferts vs. Lindsey
8:00 - E'prise Machine vs. Hospital

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Elba Packing Co. Set For \$1 1/2 Million Expansion

"You can't afford to be content in this business. If you don't continually improve and expand, the competition will catch you."

Those were the words of Elba Packing Company, Inc., president Everett Kelley last week upon announcing plans to add a two-story 7800-square-foot building to the existing plant facility.

The addition, which will be financed through a \$500,000 bond issue, is expected to be completed in approximately six months. The addition, which will be adjacent to the rear of the building, will include an employee welfare area (showers, dressing rooms, break area, etc.), storage coolers, smoke houses and a sausage processing area. The expanded sausage processing area will increase production capabilities by 10,000-15,000 pounds per day.

"The reason for the expansion," stated Kelley, "was due to the expansion in the territory served along with a need to alleviate crowded conditions. We hope to greatly expand our coverage area

and start selling our 'Kelley's' products in Florida. Plans are also being considered to sell much in the Montgomery area. Depending on the increase in production, we could add 3-10 employees after the construction is completed."

Elba Packing Company, Inc. was established on April 22, 1957, with 10 employees working in a 7000-square-foot plant. A fire completely destroyed the plant in 1962, but it was reopened in mid-1963 and has since grown to a modern 23,000-square-foot facility employing 59 workers.

The plant's "Kelley's" meat products include over 500 items, including 22 different sausages and cold cuts. The local facility is a complete meat packing and processing plant that ships out its products directly to stores.

Company officers are Everett Kelley - president; Dwight Kelley - vice-president, operations; Hollis Kelley - vice-president, livestock buying; Eddie Kelley - secretary; and Jerry Kelley - treasurer.



Bill Dickinson announced plans to seek reelection during a recent swing through Coffee County.

Bill Owens Seeks District 3 Seat On County Commission

Billy Paul "Bill" Owens, a lifelong resident of Coffee County, has qualified to seek the seat of Coffee County commissioner of District Three.

Owens, a 22-year employee of Northrop Worldwide Aircraft Services, Inc., also serves as an SPC in the 191st Maintenance Company, U.S. Army Reserve, and is a member of the Masonic Lodge 170 in Elba. He is a 1956 graduate of Elba High School and is married to the former Merlene Carr of Zion Chapel. They have three children: Lynn Owens Cook - 22; Ken - 20; Krysti - 13; and two grandchildren - Christina and Jimbo.

"I feel the citizens of Coffee County deserve a working, fair and impartial commission which will meet the duties and problems of the county in a unified manner," said Owens. "I realize the commission is considered a part-time job, but I feel sufficient time should be allocated to meet the needs of Coffee County."

"I see a need in the county for a long-range plan to improve our road system, not only the paving of approximately 80 miles of dirt road in each work area, but also the resurfacing and/or maintenance of existing roads of which some are in



poor condition," added Owens. "I do not believe that any county endeavor will be successful without a long-range goal and a dedicated county commission."

"I appeal to the voters of Coffee County," Owens said, "to become involved in county elections. Your support in this election will be sincerely appreciated and with your vote, we win."

Death Claims Elba Banker

Lamar Rainer Jr. died Sunday night following a short illness. He was in a Dothan hospital at the time of his death.

Rainer was a native of Elba and a lifelong resident. At the time of his death he was serving as president of The Peoples Bank, a position he had held since the bank was opened.

He was active in business and civic organizations and was named Man of the Year for Elba in 1978. Mr. Rainer had served on the Elba Industrial Board, Water and Electric Board, Coffee County Cancer Society and as a member of the Coffee

County Arts Alliance. He was a long time member and past chairman of the Alabama Council on the Arts and Humanities.

He had been honored with listing in "Who's Who in Finance and Industry" and also "Who's Who in the South and Southwest". Rainer was a member of the Elba United Methodist Church where he was an active member of the church choir. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and belonged to various veterans organizations.

(See obituary on Page 2.)

Rep. Dickinson To Seek 11th Term In U.S. Congress

Congressman Bill Dickinson, Second Congressional District of Alabama, announced recently that he is a candidate for re-election. The twenty-year veteran Congressman, who is the ranking Republican member of the powerful 45-member House Armed Services Committee, or chairman if the Republicans win control of the House) said "I consider it a supreme privilege to serve our state and nation as a member of the Alabama Congressional delegation. Now that we are well into the process of rebuilding our national economy, health and our defense posture. It is more important than ever for Alabama to keep a senior, fiscally conservative, national security oriented Congressman in the U.S. House of Representatives."

"During the past three-and-one-half years, I have been a part of the national leadership team, led by President Reagan, which has brought our nation through one of the most amazing economic recoveries in our history. Who would want to go back to what we had in 1980 when inflation was 14 percent, interest rates were 21 percent and unemployment was growing? We have reduced inflation to less than four percent and interest

rates are about half what they were. The nation has produced over five million jobs and the unemployment rate is down to 7.5 percent. We cannot go back to what we had before!" Dickinson asserted.

"I have dedicated myself to those policies and actions which create jobs and put people to work. I am proud that in the past several years I have been able to persuade several major companies to establish plants in our area and that I have conducted several procurement conferences in the district which have led to local firms getting contracts with the federal government and its major prime contractors. These actions have produced jobs and work for our people," Dickinson said.

"I am a firm supporter of a strong farm program and I believe that agriculture is the backbone and foundation of our economy. I maintain close contact with the farm community through individual farmers, farm organizations, and my Agricultural Advisory Board - a group of working farmers from each county in the District which advises me on farm issues," Dickinson said. "I have, and will continue to work hard to maintain the peanut program, and to create overseas markets for peanuts and other farm

commodities and to develop and strengthen export policies and programs for agriculture. I support agricultural research, conservation and lending programs," Dickinson stated.

"I have worked hard to help improve and promote excellence in our schools and have strongly supported programs to assist state and local districts in enhancing quality instruction, particularly in the areas of math, science, foreign language and technology. I have

strongly supported the Impact Aid Program to compensate school districts with the added financial impact of federal presence. I am committed to strengthening public education. Two of my children have been teachers in Alabama public schools and I have been both a member and president of a school board. We should maintain federal support for education programs in a way to help school districts - not tie them up with bureaucratic regulations," Dickinson said.

Frances Trammell To Seek Return To Council In Place 4

Frances S. Trammell, appointed to the Elba City Council in January, 1983, to fill the unexpired term of her late husband, Ray Trammell, has qualified to seek re-election to the Council for Place 4.

Mrs. Trammell has two sons - Ray Jr. of Birmingham and Greg of Dothan, and four grandsons. She was employed for 22 1/2 years at Ft. Rucker as the accounting manager for the Army-Air Force Exchange Service. From 1976-1983 she worked part-time with the City of Elba as Community Development director. She is a member of the First Baptist Church, Three-In-One Study Club, AARP and American Legion Auxiliary, and is also a Pink Lady volunteer at Elba General Hospital.

"I have enjoyed being active in the community," said Trammell. "It has kept me active with a purpose and I have enjoyed it very much. If the people choose to elect me to a full



term, I will continue to serve to the best of my ability."

L.M. Burch Is Candidate For Place 4 Council Seat

L.M. Burch, a resident of Elba for over 15 years, has qualified to seek the Place Four seat on the Elba City Council.

Burch has been employed with General Telephone for 20 years and is the president of B&Q Janitorial Services, Inc., and L.M. Burch, Inc. He is a former member of the Elba Volunteer Fire Department, and served for three years as an auxiliary member of the Elba Police Department. He is married to the former Mavis Bowden and they have three children: Lawayne - 23; Lavon 21 - and Jason 11.

"If I am elected I will work to keep local business in Elba," said Burch, "as well as work to bring new businesses to town. We can help do this by upgrading and beautifying the downtown area. If we can make Elba a beautiful town, it will attract outside investors."

"The youth of Elba are very important," added Burch. "I like to work with youth and have employed many in my companies. We need to help keep the youth of our town in Elba and give them a chance."

"I promise if elected," said Burch, "to work with the public and



represent the needs of the people. Together we can get things done."